

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

**206.**

Any person who, after hiring, leasing or renting a motor vehicle under agreement to return such motor vehicle at the termination of the period for which such motor vehicle is hired, leased or rented, shall abandon such motor vehicle, or refuse or wilfully neglect to return the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500) dollars, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or to both fine and imprisonment.

**Article - Transportation**

**14-105.**

(a) If a police officer receives reliable information that a vehicle has been stolen, the police officer shall immediately report the theft to the Administration and the Department of State Police, unless the police officer has received reliable information of the recovery of the vehicle.

(b) AN ALLEGED VIOLATION UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 206 OF THE CODE SHALL BE A REPORTABLE THEFT OF A VEHICLE FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(c) If a police officer receives reliable information that a vehicle which he previously reported stolen has been recovered, he shall immediately report the recovery to the Administration and the Department of State Police.

[(c)] (D) If a vehicle titled or registered in this State has been stolen, the owner or secured party may notify the Administration of the theft.

[(d)] (E) Every person who has given notice under subsection [(c)] (D) of this section shall notify the Administration of a recovery of the vehicle.

[(e)] (F) The Administration shall maintain and appropriately index cumulative public records of stolen vehicles reported to it under this section.

[(f)] (G) The Administration may suspend the registration of a vehicle whose theft is reported to it under this section.

[(g)] (H) Until the Administration learns of the recovery of the vehicle or that the report of its theft was erroneous, it may not issue a certificate of title for the vehicle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: